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FROM: AL/Chief Counsel

SUBJECT: Widely Attended Gathering Determination Regarding the Johnson  
Space Center (JSC) Space Flight Awareness (SFA) Program and  
Co-sponsors Hosting a Space Flight Awareness Recognition Event

On June 28 – July 1, 2006, the JSC SFA Program and co-sponsors are hosting an SFA Recognition event at the Gaylord Palms in Orlando, FL, and the Kennedy Space Center (KSC).

The event is to begin the evening of June 28, 2006, with an honoree dinner/reception for the participants. On June 29, 2006, the participants will participate in an honoree awards luncheon. On June 30, 2006, the participants will load buses and be brought to KSC and receive a tour and participate in a social event that evening. On July 1, 2006, the activities will include being brought down to KSC via a bus to participate in launch-day activities. Participants will view the launch of STS-121 and then return to the Gaylord Palms Hotel for a post-launch social. The co-sponsors of this event who are providing the alcohol, entertainment support, table decorations, and the cost of their employees to attend include: Boeing, Lockheed Martin, Pratt & Whitney, United Space Alliance, and ATK Thiokol.

The SFA Program is a NASA managed motivational program with invited representation from the Office of Space Flight Field Centers, international partner representatives, other NASA Field Centers, and contractors having major responsibilities for human space flight mission success. This Program meets the NASA requirement for contractors to participate in a NASA motivational Program.

The purpose of the SFA is to establish annual SFA Program goals and objectives to ensure every employee involved in human space flight is aware of the importance of their role in promoting safety, quality, and mission success. It is also meant to increase awareness of the Human Space Flight Program accomplishments, milestones, and objectives with a focus on safety and mission success and conduct events and products that motivate and recognize the workforce, and enhance employee morale.

The awardees that will be attending the event are both NASA civil servants, awardees and managers, and employees and managers from the contractor community, as well as international partner representatives. The event is of direct interest to NASA and serves as a forum for facilitating the widest practicable dissemination of information concerning the Agency and the importance of safety in the Human Space Flight Program and motivating employees to continue to promote such safety programs within their workplace.

It is my determination that it is in the Agency's interest for NASA invitees to attend. Their attendance outweighs any concern that the acceptance of any benefits may, or may appear to improperly influence any NASA employee in the performance of official duties.

Accordingly, NASA invitees are authorized to attend and to accept the services and items that are being provided for by the contractor co-sponsors in conjunction with this event, at no cost.



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